

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**

RECREATION AREA IMPROVEMENT

(Acre)

CODE 562

DEFINITION

Establishing grasses, legumes, vines, shrubs, trees, or other plants or selectively reducing stand density and trimming woody plants to improve an area for recreation.

PURPOSES

To increase the attractiveness and usefulness of recreation areas and to protect the soil and plant resources.

CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

On any area planned for recreation use.

CRITERIA

All federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations must be followed.

Chemicals used must be federally and locally registered and must be applied strictly, in accordance with authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other federal, state, or local policies and requirements.

CONSIDERATIONS

Contact the local Agricultural Extension Agent for assistance concerning disease and insect control recommendations.

Consider safety and security issues.

Consider water quality and quantity issues.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Based on this and other applicable FOTG standards, plans and specifications shall be prepared for each specific site. The plan shall include information about location, soils, existing vegetation, vegetation establishment, methods, management, and maintenance requirements.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

An operation and maintenance plan must be prepared. The plan should provide specific instructions for operating and maintaining the system.

Control undesired weed species, especially state-listed noxious weeds.